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response." One of the options that the Examiner set forth was to respond to the Request for Reconsideration After Final was to amend the claims per the allowed claims. Attorney for Applicant subsequently agreed to the proposed Examiner's Amendment during the interview conducted on February 13, 2006 and the Examiner said that he would prepare an Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance, and therefore Attorney for Applicant did not need to respond, but rather wait for the receipt of an Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance.

When the Attorney for Applicant did not receive any correspondence from the Examiner as the Statutory Bar Date of March 21, 2006 was approaching, Attorney for Applicant filed an Amendment on March 3, 2006 to avoid missing the SBD in accordance with the Advisory Action Before the filing of An Appeal Brief dated February 1, 2006. Attorney for Applicant contacted the Examiner as the SBD date became closer and was advised that the Examiner had previously signed and sent an Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance on February 20, 2006. However, it was discovered that the Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance was "lost" in the mail room at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner then emailed a copy of the Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance to Attorney for Applicant on March 21, 2006, and the original was received via regular mail on March 22, 2006.

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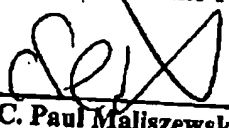
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